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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Office Action dated January 13, 2004, the time period for response thereto being set to expire February 13, 2004, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the Listing of Claims presented below and the amended Rule 131 Declaration submitted herewith.

The current **List of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. No claims are amended, added or canceled herein. The claim set remains as in the prior version. The full claim set is included herein to comply with the new amendment rules.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An executed **Rule 131 Declaration** accompanies this paper.